service is rendered; and to these ends, whom Commission may enforce the standards set by it, and by order require [such] changes and additions in the service of any public service company as [it may deem] THE COMMISSION DEEMS necessary, including but not limited to repairs or improvements in plant, increase in motive power, and change in schedule or manner of operations.

THE COMMISSION SHALL EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES TO TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION IN ANY SERVICE AREA. INCLUDING THE USE OF EXISTING LINES OF ANY COMPANY WHETHER OR NOT FRANCHISED IN THAT SERVICE AREA, IF (1) THE EXISTING LINES ARE CONVENIENT TO THAT SERVICE AREA, OR (2) THE USE OF THE LINES WILL BEST PROMOTE THE ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

## CHAPTER 734

(House Bill 1133)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credits for Homeowners -Administrative and Technical Revisions

FOR the purpose of clarifying and revising various aspects of the program of property tax credits for disabled persons and for elderly persons under the circuit breaker program, with relation to definitions of terms, amount of credit, conditions for granting the credits, applications for the credit, allocations of property taxes collected, reimbursement of costs of credits granted, and the administration of the credit program and the cost of administration by the State and by the counties or Baltimore City; authorizing municipalities to grant credits from municipal taxes to disabled persons; changing provisions for the granting of credits to disabled persons; providing for the cost of credits to disabled persons; limiting credits for persons who qualify under more than one program; and providing for appeals from determinations under the credit law for elderly homeowners and disabled persons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,